

Prioritization Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda

November 6, 2024

9:30 AM

Meeting to be held at Land of Sky Regional Council or via

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/91373453789>

Voting Members on the Committee: Jessica Morris (City of Asheville, Vice-Chair), William High (Buncombe County), Autumn Radcliff (Henderson County), Anthony Sutton (Town of Waynesville), Elizabeth Teague (Town of Waynesville, Chair), Archie Pertiller (Town of Black Mountain), Catherine Cordell (Town of Weaverville)

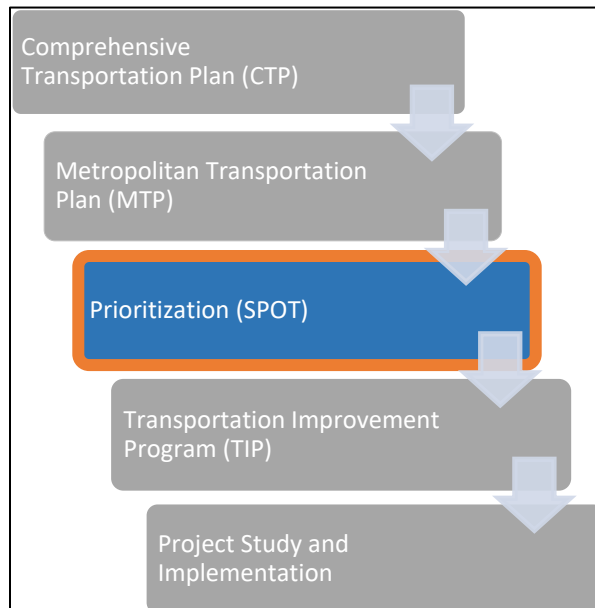
1. Welcome and Introductions	Elizabeth Teague
2. Public Comment	Elizabeth Teague
3. Approval of September, 2024 Meeting Minutes	Elizabeth Teague
4. Business	
A. P 7 –Division Needs Local Input Points	Tristan Winkler, MPO Staff
B. ADA Inventory & Assessment	Tristan Winkler/Hannah Bagli, MPO Staff
5. News, Events, Updates	Elizabeth Teague
6. Public Comment	Elizabeth Teague
7. Adjournment	Elizabeth Teague

Item 4A

P7- Division Needs Local Input Points

Overview

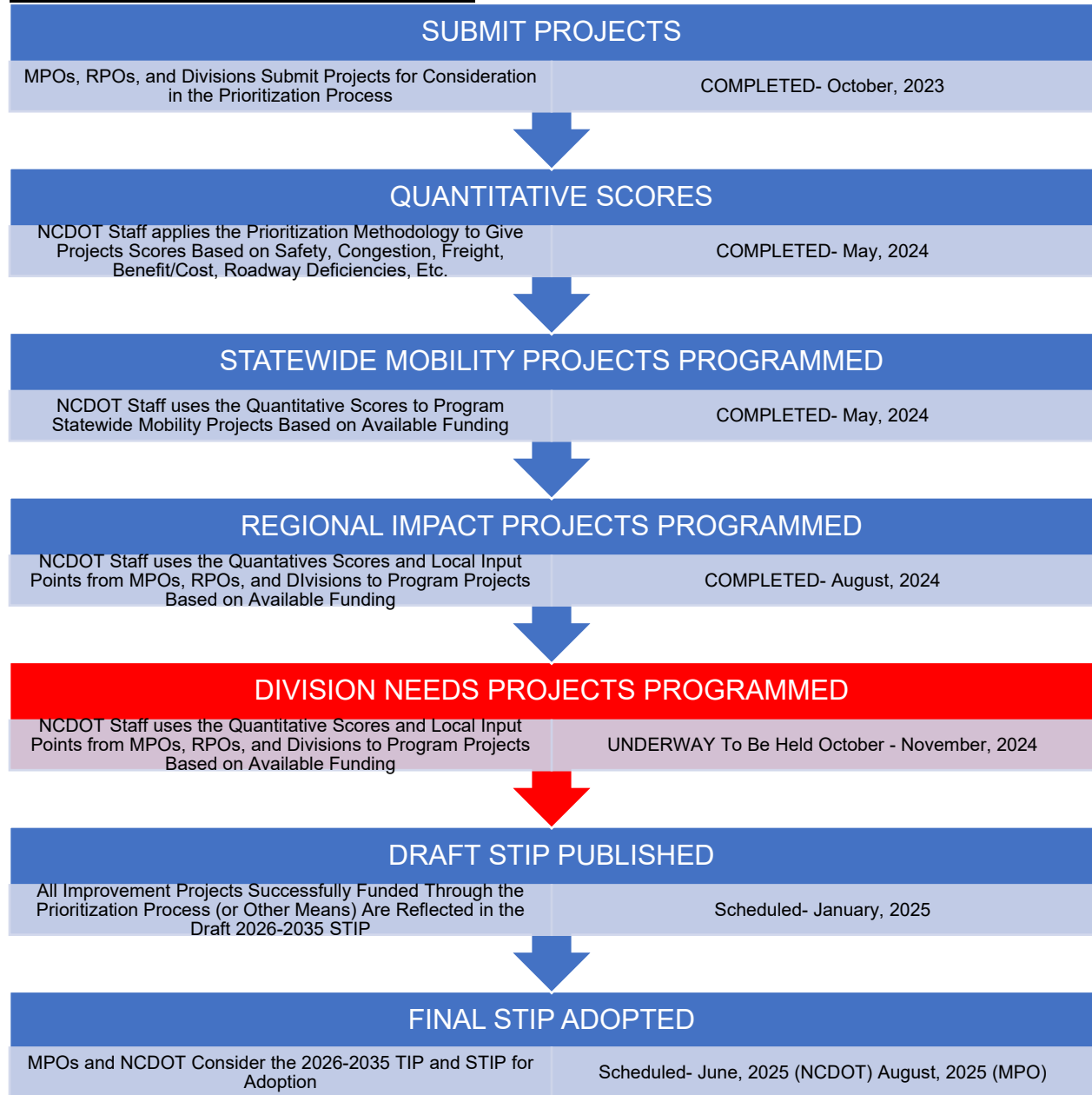
The Prioritization Process (AKA SPOT, AKA P 7) is the process in North Carolina that helps determine the majority of transportation improvements across the State. The process is dictated by the Strategic Highway Investments Act (STI) of 2012 and is generally designed to be a data-driven, transparent process to determine what transportation projects are funded or not. MPOs are engaged throughout the process to submit projects for consideration (along with Divisions and RPOs) as well as local input points that are used to boost the scores of projects competing for Regional Impact or Division Needs funding.



Action Items for Today

- Recommend which projects should receive Local Input Points in the Division Needs tier

WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS



Funding Tier	Statewide Mobility	Regional Impact	Division Needs
Quantitative Score	100%	70%	50%
MPO Local Input Points	0%	15%	25%
Division Local Input Points	0%	15%	25%
Amount of All Funding in the Prioritization Process	40%	30%	30%
Distribution	All Projects Compete Against Each Other	Split Between Seven Regions, Projects Compete Within Each Region	Split Between 14 Divisions, Projects Compete Within Division
Funding	One Big Pot of Funds	Split to Each Region Based on Population	Split Equally Between 14 Divisions
Eligible Projects (in the FBRMPO)	Interstates, Strategic Highway Corridors (US 23/74 in Haywood County), Asheville Airport	US Highways, NC Highways, Anything Not Funded in the Statewide Mobility Tier that is Requested to Cascade	Secondary Roads, Stand-Alone Bike/Ped Projects, Transit Projects, Anything Not Funded in the Statewide Mobility or Regional Impact tiers that is Requested to Cascade

Process for Developing Final Local Input Point Assignment

- MPO staff held county-by-county meetings with Board and TCC representatives on local priorities
- Due to impacts from Hurricane Helene, the October Prioritization Subcommittee, TCC, and Board were cancelled
- Priorities from local meetings were advertised as the Draft Local Input Point list
- A Public Comment Period is being held from October 27th-November 20th on the Draft Assignment of Points

Available Funding

Division 13: -\$133,000,000

Division 14: -\$35,000,000

PROJECTS WITH DRAFT LOCAL INPUT POINTS

County	Mode	Route	From	To	Type of Improvement	Cost Estimate	SPOT Quantitative Score	MPO Score	Draft Local Input Points
Henderson, Buncombe	Highway	SR 1358 (Fanning Bridge Rd)	US 25	NC 280	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 6,000,000	35.64	85	100
Buncombe	Bike/Ped	Reed Creek Greenway Connector	Reed Creek Greenway	SR 3602 (Clingman Avenue)	4 - On-Road Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 880,000	39.22	100	100
Henderson	Bike/Ped	Church Street and King Street	US 176	North Main Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,720,800	35.86	100	100
Henderson	Bike/Ped	Above The Mud Greenway Connector	Ecusta Trail	Oklawaha Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,096,200	35.51	100	100
Buncombe	Bike/Ped	Tunnel Road Sidewalks	New Haw Creek Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,332,200	35.03	100	100
Buncombe	Bike/Ped	Patton Avenue	Old Haywood Road	Johnston Blvd	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,462,600	34.91	100	100

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Buncombe	Bike/Ped	Bent Creek Greenway (Hominy Creek/W NC Farmer's Market Segment)	Hominy Creek Greenway	French Broad River Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,068,800	33.27	75	100
Buncombe	Bike/Ped	US 70 Sidewalks	Franklin Street	Warren Wilson Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,010,000	24.49	40	100
Buncombe	Bike/Ped	Merrimon Ave	Lake Louise Drive	Brown Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 675,000	19.9	25	100
Haywood	Bike/Ped	US 19/23	Bridge Street	Chestnut Mountain Road	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,396,000	19.21	25	100

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Madison	Bike/Ped	Bailey/Banjo Branch Greenway	Otis T Duck Greenway Northern Termini	Bailey Street	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,614,600	13.2	10	100
Haywood	Transit	Haywood County Expansion Vehicles	Two expansion vehicles would allow for new fixed-route service that would provide transit service to Maggie Valley and tie-in to the existing fixed-route between Waynesville and Canton.		1 - Mobility (route-specific) - New Service	\$ 270,000	22.10	75	100

DIVISION NEEDS HIGHWAY PROJECTS

County	Route	From	To	Type of Improvement	Cost Estimate	SPOT Quantitative Score	MPO Score	Draft Local Input Points
Henderson, Buncombe	SR 1358 (Fanning Bridge Rd)	US 25	NC 280	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 6,000,000	35.64	85	100
Buncombe	SR 1332 (North Louisiana Avenue)	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	SR 1338 (Emma Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 30,600,000	13.59	77	0
Henderson	SR 1508 (Berkeley Road), SR 1508 (Signal Hill Road), SR 1511 (Berkeley Road), SR 1519 (Thompson Street)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 33,300,000	19.50	65	0
Henderson	SR 1127 (Kanuga Road)	US 25 Business (Church Street)	SR 1123 (Little River Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 62,600,000	17.06	55	0
Buncombe	SR 1130 (Old US 19/23 Highway)	US 19, US 23 (Smokey Park Highway)	SR 1120 (Youngs Cove Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 32,900,000	13.21	54	0
Buncombe	SR 3136 (Cane Creek Road)	US 74 ALT (Charlotte Highway)	SR 3116 (Mills Gap Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 99,000,000	11.71	53	0
Buncombe	SR 3412 (Sand Hill Road)	SR 1224 (Sand Hill School Road)	N/A	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 6,100,000	26.75	46	0

County	Route	From	To	Type of Improvement	Cost Estimate	SPOT Quantitative Score	MPO Score	Draft Local Input Points
Buncombe	SR 2002 (Riceville Road)	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	SR 2285 (Clear Vista Lane)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 19,800,000	4.47	46	0
Henderson	SR 1525 (Duncan Hill Road)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	Signal Hill Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 26,300,000	9.39	45	0
Buncombe	Peachtree Road Extension	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	US 25 ALT (Sweeten Creek Road)	18 - Widen Existing Local (Non-State) Roadway	\$ 4,037,000	4.04	39	0
Buncombe	SR 1003 (Reems Creek Road)	US 19, US 23 Business (Weaverville Highway)	SR 2109 (Ox Creek Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 124,500,000	9.26	38	0
Buncombe	SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Road)	NC 9	Blue Ridge Assembly Drive, White Pine Drive	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 15,900,000	1.86	36	0
Buncombe	SR 2776 (Old Fort Road)	US 74 ALT (Charlotte Highway)	SR 2782 (Whitaker Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 66,800,000	11.20	29	0
Henderson	SR 2162 (Blythe Street)	NC 191 (Haywood Road)	US 64 (6th Avenue West)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 17,400,000	14.08	28	0
Henderson	SR 1173 (White Pine Drive)	US 64 (Brevard Road)	Hebron Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 45,200,000	3.51	23	0
Henderson	SR 1793 (Tracy Grove Road)	SR 1006 (Howard Gap Road)	N/A	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 6,100,000	18.85	16	0

DIVISION NEEDS BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS

County	Route	From	To	Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	SPOT Quantitative Score	MPO Score	Draft Local Input Points
Buncombe	Reed Creek Greenway Connector	Reed Creek Greenway	SR 3602 (Clingman Avenue)	4 - On-Road Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 880,000	39.22	100	100
Henderson	Church Street and King Street	US 176	North Main Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,720,800	35.86	100	100
Henderson	Above The Mud Greenway Connector	Ecusta Trail	Oklawaha Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,096,200	35.51	100	100
Buncombe	Tunnel Road Sidewalks	New Haw Creek Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,332,200	35.03	100	100
Buncombe	Patton Avenue	Old Haywood Road	Johnston Blvd	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,462,600	34.91	100	100
Buncombe	Old Haywood Road Sidewalks	US 19/23/74 (Patton Avenue)	US 19/23/74 (Smokey Park Highway)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,080,400	34.42	85	0
Buncombe	Lake Julian Greenway	French Broad River	Lake Julian	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 3,782,000	33.77	85	0
Buncombe	Fairview Road	Swannanoa River Road	Liberty Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,630,200	33.51	60	0

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Buncombe	Bent Creek Greenway (Hominy Creek/WNC Farmer's Market Segment)	Hominy Creek Greenway	French Broad River Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,068,800	33.27	75	100
Buncombe	Bent Creek Greenway (WNC Farmers Market to Asheville Outlets)	WNC Farmers Market	Asheville Outlets	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 4,696,200	31.13	60	0
Buncombe	US 19 (Smokey Park Hwy)	Rutherford Road	NC 151	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,073,600	30.89	50	0
Henderson	Allen Branch Greenway	US 64	I-26	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,516,800	30.64	60	0
Buncombe	Reed Creek Greenway Extension	WT Weaver Boulevard	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,960,200	29.94	60	0
Henderson	N Main Street/Clear Creek Road Sidewalks	Nix Road	Baldwin Avenue	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,953,400	29.3	60	0
Buncombe	SR 2500 (North Blue Ridge Road)	US 70	Fortune St	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 675,800	28.52	35	0
Buncombe	NC 63 (New Leicester Hwy)	Old County Home Road	Mt. Carmel Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 667,600	28.4	35	0

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Buncombe	North Louisiana Avenue Sidewalks	Mallard Drive	Adams Hill Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 314,400	27.69	35	0
Henderson	Fanning Bridge Road	Underwood Road	US 25	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,521,400	27.58	60	0
Buncombe	US 70 Sidewalks	Franklin Street	Warren Wilson Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,010,000	24.49	40	100
Henderson	Mills River Valley Trail	French Broad River	NC 191	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 4,312,600	24.19	35	0
Henderson	Greenway-Jackson Park to Blue Ridge CC	Jackson Park	Blue Ridge Community College	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 3,542,600	23.17	35	0
Buncombe	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	Future 1-26	Woodfin Ave	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,753,000	22.89	35	0
Buncombe	US 70 - Swannanoa	SR 2748 (Buckeye Cove Rd)	Ingles driveway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,782,800	21.61	0	0
Haywood	Raccoon Creek Greenway	Waynesville Greenway	Junaluska Elementary School	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,427,200	20.5	35	0
Haywood	Richland Creek Greenway-North	Recreation Park	Haywood High Tech Center	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,572,400	20.38	10	0

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Buncombe	Merrimon Ave	Lake Louise Drive	Brown Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 675,000	19.9	25	100
Haywood	US 19/23	Bridge Street	Chestnut Mountain Road	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,396,000	19.21	25	100
Buncombe	Reems Creek Greenway	Quarry Road	Karpen Soccer Field	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 5,183,200	17.34	10	0
Haywood	NC 215 (Champion Drive)	SR 1589 (North Canton Road)	SR 1513 (Thickety Road)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,884,600	14.4	10	0
Madison	Bailey/Banjo Branch Greenway	Otis T Duck Greenway Northern Termini	Bailey Street	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,614,600	13.2	10	100
Buncombe	SR 1368 (Lees Creek)	SR 1803 (Tipperary Dr)	SR 1367 (Erwin Hills Rd)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 524,400	11.31	0	0
Buncombe	US 70A (Charlotte Hwy)	Charles Lytle Lane	Olde Eastwood Village Boulevard	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 253,200	10.89	0	0

DIVISION NEEDS TRANSIT PROJECTS

County	Route	From	Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	SPOT Quantitative Score	Total	Draft Local Input Points
Buncombe	Transit Multimodal Facility	City of Asheville Service Area and routes provided by ART	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	\$ 40,000,000	34.58	85	0
Haywood	Haywood County Expansion Vehicles	Two expansion vehicles would allow for new fixed-route service that would provide transit service to Maggie Valley and tie-in to the existing fixed-route between Waynesville and Canton.	1 - Mobility (route-specific) - New Service	\$ 270,000	22.10	75	100
Buncombe	Transit Maintenance Facility	City of Asheville Service Area.	9 - Facility - Maintenance	\$ 55,000,000	23.96	60	0
Buncombe	Expansion Vehicles	City of Asheville Service Area	1 - Mobility (route-specific) - New Service	\$ 9,000,000	19.19	35	0
Haywood	Haywood County Transfer Station	The site is located on 50 Armory Drive in Clyde NC. This location houses Haywood Public Transit operated by Mountain Projects Inc. This land was deeded from Haywood County Government to Mountain Projects on December 21, 2007	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	\$ 710,000	11.94	10	0

ACTION NEEDED: recommend projects to receive local input points from the MPO.

1,200 of 1,900 local input points are currently being assigned.

Staff Recommendation:

- Add local input points to two highway projects:
 - North Louisiana Avenue Modernization (Highway) in Buncombe County
 - Berkley/Signal Hill/Thompson Street Modernization (Highway) in Henderson County

Item 4B:

ADA Inventory & Assessment

Very Brief Overview

- MPO staff (along with some local government staff) have attended a couple of presentations made by a consulting group that highlights tools that could assess pedestrian infrastructure for ADA compliance, store that information in an online database, and prioritize areas needed for improvement
- This data could be used by local governments and NCDOT to raise awareness of ADA compliance issues and help direct funds towards ADA compliance needs
- The project could be programmed in the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) with 0% local match required due to the Complete Streets Planning exception made for MPO Planning Funds
 - Doing so would result in more STBGDA funds being used for MPO staff